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## The Navajo Nation honors the life of community leader Henry T. Begay

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**MARIANO LAKE, N.M.** — Speaker Seth Damon and members of the 24th Navajo Nation Council offer their condolences to the family of respected community leader, Henry T. Begay, who passed away at the age of 78.

Begay was born on August 8, 1943, and was from Mariano Lake, N.M. He is Hasht'ishnii (Mud People Clan), born for Haltsooi (Meadow People Clan). Since 1992, he served as the Mariano Lake Chapter President and Vice President.

“Mr. Begay’s contribution and advocacy for the welfare of the Navajo people spans many decades of leadership as a respected community leader. We will always remember his years of service advocating for our elders and veterans. The Mariano Lake community will dearly miss his kindness and encouraging words. May the Creator bring comfort and peace to those he loved,” said Council Delegate Edmund Yazzie (Church Rock, Iyanbito, Mariano Lake, Pinedale, Smith Lake, Thoreau).



PHOTO: Community Leader Henry T. Begay.

Funeral services for Henry T. Begay will take place today May 19, 2022, at 10 a.m. at the Mariano Lake Community Church. He is survived by his beloved wife Betty Begay, his children, and grandchildren.

“Beloved by all who knew him, Mr. Henry Begay was a humble and caring man who deeply loved his family and the community he served. He was a loving father, grandfather, and beloved husband who was revered in Mariano Lake for his leadership and integrity. The Navajo people send prayers of protection to give strength to his family during this time,” said Speaker Seth Damon (Bááhaalí, Chichiltah, Manuelito, Red Rock, Rock Springs, Tséyatoh).

Council Delegate Edmund Yazzie will officially present a Navajo Nation Flag to the family to honor his years of service to the Navajo people and the citizens of New Mexico.

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